

11/4/77 R

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001

JOSEPH A. PAGE  
PROFESSOR OF LAW  
624-8379

AR033A

Nov. 4, 1977

Mrs. Patt M. Derian  
Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Human Rights and  
Humanitarian Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)  
U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS  
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director  
(X) Release ( ) Excise ( ) Deny

Exemption(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Declassify: ( ) In Part ( ) In Full  
( ) Classify as \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Extend as \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Downgrade to \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Declassify on \_\_\_\_\_ Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Mrs. Derian:

The enclosed letter is self-explanatory.

I have spent 21 weeks in Argentina over the past year working on a biography of Juan D. Peron. As you can well imagine, I have become painfully and fully aware of the massive scale of human-rights violations in Argentina, but because of my project, I have had to maintain a "low profile" and remain very quiet. However, I have now finished almost all my research, and do not expect to be returning to Buenos Aires in the near future.

The case of Dr. Taiana is certainly not on the same level as other violations of human rights in Argentina. He is in jail and has been treated relatively well. His wife has been permitted to visit him. But he has not been charged with any crime, and the indefinite nature of his incarceration, combined with his age, is having an adverse effect on him.

Mrs. Taiana has asked that I help her, and the enclosed letter represents what in my judgment is the best that can be done under the circumstances. Our hope is that an expression of concern by the U.S. Ambassador might be of sufficient weight to bestir the Argentine authorities into permitting Dr. Taiana to opt for exile.

I am writing to you to inform you of this matter and to request that you let me know whether there are any other steps that I might fruitfully take.

Thank you very much for any assistance you may be able to provide.

Sincerely yours,

*Joseph A. Page*  
Joseph A. Page

Lot 81D208  
Box 4963 (2/12)